

21 December 2021

## Staff Vacancies in Belfast Trust by Role – Follow-up Question to FOI/25969

In the medical agency and locums spreadsheet (provided previously in December 2021), there is a heading row labels giving the different work groups and the amount of money spent. What I'm looking to know is which of the sections relate specifically to locum/agency doctors, nursing and midwifery and admin?

Please find below Agency spend against the different categories of staff for April 2020 to March 2021 and April 2021 to November 2021.

Cumulative Agency Spend	Agency spend £	
<u>Service Group</u>	<u>April 20- March 21</u>	<u>April 21- November 21</u>
Admin Agency Total	10,848,447	7,053,040
AHPs Agency Total	2,030,575	1,201,527
Nursing Agency Total	45,818,273	28,966,764
Pharmacy Agency Total	370,364	205,599
Prof & Tech Agency Total	1,745,931	1,202,160
Soc. Services Agency Total	7,044,906	5,457,438
Support Agency Total	4,634,496	2,740,609

Splitting the information into the areas of work, similar to the medical information previously provided, would take more than 18 hours in total for the entire Freedom of Information (FOI) request. The Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the FOI Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.